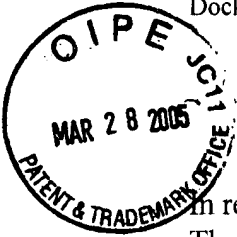


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Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant hereby responds to the Final Office Action of Dec. 22, 2004, in the above-referenced patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. The undersigned has been authorized to respond to the Office Action.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.